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Introduced by:
(ET)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SHARED CLEAN ENERGY FACILITY
PILOT PROGRAM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) As used in this
2 section:

3 (1) "Shared clean energy facility" means a Class I renewable energy
4 source, as defined in section 16-1 of the general statutes, that (A) is
5 served by an electric distribution company, as defined in section 16-1
6 of the general statutes, (B) is within the same electric distribution
7 company service territory as the individual billing meters for
8 subscriptions, (C) has a nameplate capacity rating of three megawatts
9 or less, and (D) has at least two subscribers;

10 (2) "Individual billing meter" means an individual electric meter or a
11 set of electric meters, when such meters are combined for billing
12 purposes, within the service territory of the subscriber's electric
13 distribution company;

14 (3) "Electric distribution company" has the same meaning as
15 provided in section 16-1 of the general statutes;

16 (4) "Subscriber" means an in-state retail end user of an electric
17 distribution company who (A) has contracted for a subscription, and
18 (B) has identified an individual billing meter to which the subscription
19 shall be attributed;

20 (5) "Subscriber organization" means any for-profit or not-for-profit
21 entity permitted by Connecticut law that (A) owns or operates one or
22 more shared clean energy facilities for the benefit of the subscribers, or
23 (B) contracts with a third-party entity to build, own or operate one or
24 more shared clean energy facilities; and

25 (6) "Subscription" means a beneficial use of a shared clean energy
26 facility, including, but not limited to, a percentage interest in the total
27 amount of electricity produced by such facility or a set amount of
28 electricity produced by such facility.

29 (b) The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, in
30 consultation with the electric distribution companies, shall establish a
31 three-year pilot program to support the development of shared clean
32 energy facilities. On or before January 1, 2016, the department shall
33 develop and issue a request for proposals from subscriber
34 organizations seeking to develop a shared clean energy facility.

35 (c) The department shall select, pursuant to the request for
36 proposals process, two recipients for the shared clean energy facility
37 pilot program. To the extent possible, one recipient shall construct a
38 shared clean energy facility in a municipality with a population of one
39 hundred thousand or more and the other recipient shall construct a
40 shared clean energy facility in a municipality with a population of less
41 than one hundred thousand. The department shall establish (1) a
42 billing credit for any subscriber of a shared clean energy facility, and
43 (2) consumer protections for subscribers and potential subscribers of
44 such a facility, including, but not limited to, disclosures to be made

45 when selling or reselling a subscription.

46 (d) Not later than one year after being selected for an award under
 47 the shared clean energy facility pilot program and annually for two
 48 years thereafter, each recipient shall submit a report, in accordance
 49 with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
 50 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 51 relating to energy and to the Department of Energy and
 52 Environmental Protection. Such report shall include, but not be limited
 53 to, information concerning the status of the shared clean energy
 54 facility.

55 (e) On or before January 1, 2019, the department shall file a report,
 56 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
 57 statutes, with the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
 58 having cognizance of matters relating to energy, (1) analyzing the
 59 success of the shared clean energy pilot program, (2) identifying and
 60 analyzing the success of programs in other states that allow facilities
 61 similar to a shared clean energy facility, and (3) recommending
 62 whether a permanent program should be established in this state and,
 63 if so, any necessary legislation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2015	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a shared clean energy facility pilot program and to expand the state's renewable energy innovation.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]